

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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CHARLES RAY HICKS,  
Petitioner,

v.

JOHN E. WETZEL, Secretary,  
Pennsylvania Department of Corrections;  
ROBERT GILMORE, Superintendent of  
the State Correctional Institution at Greene;  
and MARK GARMAN, Superintendent of  
the State Correctional Institution at  
Rockview,  
Respondents.

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No. 1:17-CV-1969

(Chief Judge Conner)

THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this     date of February, 2019, upon consideration of Petitioner's  
*Motion to Stay the Federal Proceedings to Allow Petitioner's Counsel to Exhaust  
Federal Claims for Relief in State Court*, it is hereby ORDERED and DIRECTED  
that said motion is GRANTED and that:

1. Petitioner's federal habeas corpus action shall be stayed pending the exhaustion of state court remedies;
2. Petitioner is directed to exhaust state remedies expeditiously; and
3. Petitioner's counsel shall notify this Court within thirty (30) days of the termination of state court proceedings.

BY THE COURT

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Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Middle District of Pennsylvania